

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA**, on February 1, 2005 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila, Chairman (D)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Don Ryan (D)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Annie Glover, Committee Secretary
Chris Lohse, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 298, 1/27/2005; SB 312,
1/27/2005
Executive Action: SB 55

00:00:00

00:00:07 **SEN. RYAN** assumed the chair.

HEARING ON SB 298

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA (D), SD 13, opened the hearing on **SB 298**, Clarify fish production at & planting of fish from Fort Peck warm water hatchery.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:21 **Mr. Bob Gilbert, Executive Director, Walleyes Unlimited**

EXHIBIT(fis25a01)

00:09:12 **SEN. SAM KITZENBERG, SD 18, GLASGOW**

00:14:51 **Mr. Chris Smith, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks**

EXHIBIT(fis25a02)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:18:46 **Mr. Tom Reiter, Montana Pike Masters, Lakers Unlimited of Montana**

EXHIBIT(fis25a03)

EXHIBIT(fis25a04)

Informational Testimony: None.

00:29:29

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:29 **Mr. Chris Hunter, Chief of Fisheries Division, Fish, Wildlife and Parks**

00:55:12

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:54 **SEN. TROPILA** assumed the chair.

00:59:18

HEARING ON SB 312

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. KEITH BALES (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on **SB 312**, Enhance penalty for big game hunting trespass second offense.

EXHIBIT(fis25a05)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:04:23 **Mr. Jim Kropp, Law Enforcement Chief, Fish, Wildlife and Parks**

EXHIBIT(fis25a06)

01:07:55 **Mr. John Bloomquist, Montana Stockgrowers Association, Montana Farm Bureau**

Opponents' Testimony:

01:09:49 **Mr. Robert Throssel, Montana Wildlife Federation**

01:11:39 **Mr. Stan Frasier, Montana Hunters and Anglers Association**

Informational Testimony: None.

01:12:58

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:16:07

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:19

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 55

Motion: SEN. TASH moved that SB 55 DO PASS.

Discussion:

Motion/Vote: SEN. BARKUS CALLED THE QUESTION ON SB 55. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:45 P.M.

SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA, Chairman

ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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